

1907-019  
Lee Co.

Chancery Causes: Clinton Castle vs. Edna Castle

Speaks, Thompson, Woodward

CA-Divorce



To the Honorable H.A.W.Skeen, Judge of the Circuit Court of  
Lee County Va.,

Humbly complaining your complainant, Clinton Castle, would respectfully represent and show unto your honor, that he on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_  
18\_\_\_ was married to one Edna Speaks, and lived with her a short  
time when, she some how became dissatisfied, and willfully deserted  
and abandoned your complainant and returned to her Father's house  
and has ever since refused to live or co-habit with your complainant.

Your complainant alleges that he is a citizen of Lee County, Va.,  
and has been for more than one year before the institution of this  
suit, that he and his wife last cohabited in this County and State,  
and that said willfull desertion and abandonment has continued for  
more than three years before the bringing of this suit.

Your complainant alleges that he is entitled to a divorce  
from the bonds of Matrimony.

The prayer of your complaninant is that Edna Castle be made a  
party defendant to this bill and answer the same, but not on oath,  
answer under, oath being waived, that on a hearing a divorce be  
granted your complainant a vinculo Matrimonii, and your complainant  
prays for all other and futher<sup>2</sup> relief generally that the nature of  
his case may require and to equity seem meet and he will ever  
pray ect.

M. L. Ely. p.q.



Clinton Coastle  
vs. Bill in Chancery  
Edna Coastle

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Filed August 6, 1907.  
H. C. I. Ewing,  
Clerk.

1907 1<sup>st</sup> Sept Rules  
Bill filed, Spw. ex-  
ecuted  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sept. Rules  
" Cause set for hearing

Costs:

Clerk,	\$ 3.80
Atty.,	15.00
Shiff.,	1.00
Day,	1.50
Commr.	1.50
Wife.	1.40
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	\$24.20



Clinton Castle Puff -  
against ~~the~~ In Chancery -

Edna Castle, Deft.

This cause came on this day to be heard upon the bill of complainant and depositions filed therewith and was argued by Counsel for Plaintiff! -

~~The~~ On consideration of which the court being of opinion that the allegations of Plaintiffs bill have been proven, it is adjudged, ordered and decreed, that the bonds of matrimony now existing between plaintiff and defendant be dissolved, and the plaintiff forever divorced a vinculo matrimonii from the defendant, and the plaintiff shall pay the costs of this suit - to be taxed by clerk for which execution may issue in favor of officers of the court, and this cause is stricken from the docket.



Clinton Costle Peffer

vs.  $\frac{1}{2}$  Deere -

Edna - Costle

Entered in C.O.B.  
# 8, page 348

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H. A. W. S. Ken

Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> 1907 -



The depositions of F. H. Thompson

\_\_\_\_\_, taken at M. G. Ely's Law Office  
in the town of Jonesville, Virginia on the 14th day of Sept. 1907,  
between the hours of 6 a/m. and 6 p.m. pursuant to notice here-  
with filed, which ~~take~~ depositions are intended to be read in <sup>presence in</sup> be-  
half of Clinton Castle in a certain suit in Chancery pending in  
the Circuit Court of Lee County, Virginia, in which he is plaintiff  
and Edna Castle defendant.

No witness appearing the taking of these depositions  
was adjourned until the 8th day of November, 1907, at the same  
place, and between the same hours.

Met pursuant to adjournement Nov. 8th, 1907  
Present.

Present: M. G. Ely, counsel  
for plaintiff.

No one for defendant.

The said F. H. Thompson, a witness of lawful age being  
duly sworn deposes and says:

Q. Please state your age, residence and occupation?

A. 20 years old, Lee Co. Va. near McClure's Chapel, farming.

Q. Are you acquainted with the parties to this suit? and if  
so how long have you known them?

A. I am, and have known them nearly all my life, and lived in the  
same neighborhood.

Q. State whether or not the defendant abandoned the plaintiff,  
at any time after their marriage, and if so when, and how long after  
their marriage?

A. She did abandon the plaintiff perhaps about three months  
after their marriage. and left him in June 1904.

Q. Why did she abandon the plaintiff or what did she say about <sup>it.</sup>  
it.

A. After they had lived together about three months and were  
keeping house she said she would not live with him and she left  
him and returned to her fathers, where she has since remained.



Q. State whether or not the defendant's abandonment of the plaintiff was wilful, and without sufficient cause so far as you know?

A. It was wilful and so far as I know without any sufficient cause.

Q. Have the parties to this suit lived separately or has she failed to return to her said husband since she abandoned him?

A. They have lived separately, and she has never returned that I have any knowledge of.

Q. About how old were they when they married?

A. About twenty or twenty-one years old.

Q. Are the said parties to this suit residence of This County and State?

A. They are and have been ever since I have known them.

And further this deponent saith not.

F. M. Thompson

Witness's claim.  
attendance.  
66cts.

E. S. Woodward, another witness of lawful <sup>age</sup> being duly sworn deposes and say:-

Q. Please state your age, residence and occupation.

A. I am 42 year old, live in the neighborhood of the parties to this suit, and have live there all my life and am a farmer.

Q. Are you acquainted with the parties to this suit, and if so, how long have you known them?

A. I am, and have known them all their lives.

Q. State whether or not the defendant abandoned the plaintiff and if so, when.

A. The defendant did abandon the plaintiff, and I think it was three years ago last Summer, she came to my house and said she had left him, and asked if she might stay there until she could get her a home.



I told her she could stay awhile but I advised her to go to her parents, and in a few days her mother came and got her and took her home, with her. And she has remained there ever since. And has not returned to her husband.

Q. State whether or not her abandonment was wilful and without cause?

A. It was wilful and without cause so far as I know. Her husband is industrious, and I think could and would have provided for her if she had remained with him.

And further this deponent saith not.

E. S. Woodward

Attndnece. 74cts.

The foregoing depositions of F. H. Thompson and E. S. Woodward were taken, subscribed and sworn to before me at the time and place and for the purposes in the caption mentioned.

Given under my hand Nov. 8th, 1907

James W. Orr, Court in Chancery  
for Lee County Circuit Court

Court's fee \$1.50 paid.



Clinton Castle

vs Defad

<sup>30</sup>  
Cedua Castle

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Filed Nov. 11, 1907-

H. S. Ewing, Clerk.



To Edna Costle.

Take notice that I shall, on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of Sept. 1907.  
at M. H. Ely's Law office in the town of Jonesville  
Va.

between the hours of 6 A. M. and 6 P. M., on that day, proceed to take the depositions  
of Clinton Costle and others, to be read in evidence in my behalf,  
in a certain Suit depending in the Circuit court for the County  
of Lee wherein you are Defendant  
and I am Plaintiff.

and if from any cause, the taking of the said depositions be not commenced on that day, or if  
commenced, be not concluded on that day, the taking of the same will be adjourned and con-  
tinued from day to day, or from time to time, at the same place and between the same hours,  
until the same shall be completed. Very respectfully,

Clinton Costle,  
By counsel



Clinton Co. -

vs. }

NOTICE TO TAKE  
DEPOSITIONS.

Edna Co. -

14<sup>th</sup> - Sept. 1907.

M. G. Ely.

p. q.

Executed by DeLaney  
a true copy of the  
within notice to  
Edna Co. this Sept  
10, 1907 C. C. Phiggen D. D.  
for Post. B. & D.



**The Commonwealth of Virginia,**

To the Sheriff of the County of Lee, Greeting:

WE COMMAND YOU, That you summon *Edna Castle*

to appear at the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of the County of Lee, at rules to be held for the said court, on  
the *1st* Monday in *Sept.*, 190*7*, to answer a bill in chancery exhibited against *her*  
*by Colinton Castle,*

And have then there this writ. Witness, H. C. T. EWING, Clerk of our said Court, at the court-house, the *17th*  
day of *August*, 190*7*, and 1*32* year of the Commonwealth.

A Copy, Teste:

*H. C. T. Ewing,* Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_, Clerk



Clinton Castle

VS

SUBPENA  
IN  
CHANCERY

Edna Castle

M. G. Ely

p. q.

To

1st Sept

Rules

Circuit

Court

1909  
Executed by delivering a  
true copy of the within  
subpoena to Edna  
Castle this Aug 27, 1909.  
C. C. Phelps D & Fa  
Dns Ball & LC